

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO**

June 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:03 PM, Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Buena Vista Community Center, Pinon Room, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, CO by Mayor Cara Russell. Present were Trustees Norm Nyberg, Keith Baker, Mark Boston, Robert Flint, Joel Benson, Town Administrator Sue Boyd, Town Planner Shannon Haydin and Town Clerk Diane Spomer. Trustee Mitchell was absent.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Spomer proceeded with the roll call and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Russell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Boston, seconded by Trustee Nyberg, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR PLACEMENT OF TWO OFF-PREMISE SIGNS IN EXCESS OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN A ZONE DISTRICT OTHER THAN B1 AND B2, JED SELBY APPLICANT

Town Planner Haydin outlined the Variance request to place two signs on Town property through a license agreement at E. Main and Court Street and one by the existing Community Center sign on E. Main and to waive the \$450 application fee; the permit is in compliance with the code and the signs will be 4x6.

Mayor Russell opened the public comment portion of the hearing at 4:05 PM.

Jed Selby, 901 S. Main Street, was present to request placement of two signs, one at Trader Tad's and the other is at the intersection by the Community Center; people have a hard sign finding businesses at S. Main and the S. Main office; they scaled the letters to see what would be legible from a distance to get the actual size; under the new sign code neither of the signs would need a variance and they would not have to pay the fee, summer is here and the economy is difficult and asked for Board approval.

With no other comments received, the comment portion of the hearing closed at 4:08 PM.

Discussion followed on the sign language that includes S. Main, Town Square, the River Park, shopping, dining and the brew pub, hiking, biking & bouldering; one sign will be placed by the River Park sign at the end of E. Main directly ahead of the intersection; it is a reflective sign with brown background and white letters; having a sign 4'x6' near a business; size of the speed limit signs on Main Street and Punky's sign is larger than 4'x6'; the applicant researched the size of the lettering so the sign would be "effective" ;

Trader Tad's has more than 24' of signage and a large number of signs; the signs are temporary and will eventually have infrastructure (sidewalks and a round-a-bout) at the proposed locations and is approved via a Revocable License Agreement which can be revoked by the Town with 30 days notice.

Trustee Mitchell joined the meeting at 4:19 PM.

Amount of staff time involved in the review process and application fees help off-set staff time (approximately 15-20 hours collectively); there is a 7' clearance under the sign with the top edge 11' off the ground; \$150 fee for the license agreement with a \$50 fee per sign.

- Should the Board approve adoption of Resolution #49, Series 2009, entitled "**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A ZONING VARIANCE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TWO OFF PREMISE SIGNS AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF EAST MAIN AND CENTER STREET AND EASTERN INTERSECTION OF EAST MAIN AND SOUTH MAIN STREETS AND WAIVER OF THE \$450 VARIANCE APPLICATION FEE**"?

Motion #2 by Trustee Flint, seconded by Trustee Boston, to adopt Resolution #49 to approve the two off-premise signs and the waiver of the \$450 Variance Application Fee. Discussion continued on the \$450 application fee; exact location of the sign will be east of the intersection just past the bump-out and moving the speed limit sign to the east will help slow school traffic; there are no signs for S. Main outside of S. Main; once the sign is up the Town has the right to remove within 30 days; the signs advertise for several things and not just a business; the signs are necessary but will be 11' off the ground and what visual impacts might be; the sites were checked by Roy Gertson who made a recommendation of moving speed limit signs; P&Z recommended approval; size of the sign is fine but not so high at the end of Main Street; \$35/hour for 20 hrs. exceeds the \$450 fee and is the standard development review fee; the proposed resolution addresses the signs and the variance. Jed expressed he is doing a "service for us all" advertising the River Park, the Town should have done the sign, feels the risk is disproportionate and the assets of the river park belong to the Town and the signs will generate sales tax.

Roll call vote: Baker-aye, Mitchell-nay, Boston-aye, Benson-aye, Flint-aye, Nyberg-nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #3 by Trustee Benson, seconded by Trustee Baker, noting that there being no further business to come before the Board declared that the meeting be adjourned at 4:43 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Mayor, Cara Russell



Town Clerk, Diane Spomer